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Acknowledgement of Reply Brief

The reply brief filed 2-12-2008 has been entered and considered but no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent, Appeals and Interferences for a decision on the appeal.

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